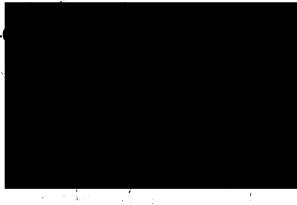
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VIET VICTORY DOUBT VOICED

Official Suggests Negotiation With Reds

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Viet students set deadline for

Washington, Aug. 22 (P)-A CIA officer has voiced "serious doubt that victory can be won" in South Vietnam and has suggested the eventual outcome might be a negotiated settlement.

Administration sources said today this is not the United States Government view.

"Prolonged Stalemate"

end to the war against Red guer- Kent said. rillas is in sight was expressed by " Willard Matthias, a member of the "The guerrilla, war in South 1. Matthias was expressing his Central Intelligence Agency's Victnam is in its fifth year and own views, not those of the United board of national estimates, in a no end appears in sight. The Vict States Government or of any June 8 paper on "Trends in the Cong in the south, dependent agency within the Government, World Situation."

guerrilla effort "continues to fensive more vigorously than which are valuable for circulating flounder" under poor prosecution ever. flounder" under poor prosecution ever. by the Saigon Government,

States support of the anti-guerrilla Diem regime inhibited the effect the policy-setting National Securcampaign and an end to "further tive prosecution of the war, which ity Council. It was submitted for political deterioration within South'is really more of a political con-publication to a magazine, which Vietnam" could at least achieve test than a military operation, turned it down.

gotiated settlement based upon Diem's successors have not yet this will be done. neutralization." French President demonstrated the leadership and 4. The United States government

A cover sheet to Matthias's longed stalemate can be attained. board approval, though no attempt neutralization." has been made to reach general: The conclusion that no military agreement on every point of it,"

Matthias wrote:

Continued large-scale United "The political mistakes of the officials but was never given to "a prolonged stalemate," the and led to the regime's destruction.

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"Begin to the stalemate of the stale of CIA officer said.

Cia prolonged statemate, the anti-region of the counter-guerrilla effort and in South Victnam may be long and chance that future developments cause of the inherent difficulty of fully committed to stemming the "could lead to some kind of ne the problem and partly because insurgents there, and believes

paper, signed by Sherman Kent, There is also a chance that pochairman of the national esti-litical evolution within the country mates board, stated that the doc- and developments upon the world ument was circulated "for infor-scene could lead to some kind of mation." The paper "has general negotiated settlement based upon

Expressing Own Views

In releasing the paper, Administration sources emphasized these views:

largely upon their own resources Members of the national intelli-Matthias wrote that the Com- but under the direction and con- gence estimates board, a twelvemunist Viet Cong have stepped trol of the Communist regime in man CIA committee, and others up their offensive and the counter-the north, are pressing their of-have written numerous papers

"More Political Than Military" lated among a few lower-ranking

Charles de Gaulle has suggested the inspiration necessary.

neutralization of the area, an idea "There remains serious doubt tion, with the Reds over South"

Victoriam at this time. A negotiated received cooly by the United that victory can be won, and the Vietnam at this time. A negotiated States Government.

Situation remains very fragile. If settlement has already been, Administration sources made large-scale United States support ences on Indo-China and it is up to after learning it would be publisher; within South Viet in Communists to quit violating.

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